B-3243 - B-3244 900-902/903 Harden Ct. Baltimore, Md. Private access

(West and East sides)

c.1850

These two story plus attic houses, two bays wide and with gable roofs, were built contemporaneously with the long rows of similar houses to the north along Henrietta St. and to the south along Hamburg St. 902 and 903 Harden St. have recently been renovated; 900 Harden Ct. remains in close to its original condition.

(Easement on 900 Harden Court)

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7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of two story plus attic, brick gabled roof houses are two of several surviving alley house in this block of Harden Court. 902 Harden Ct. has been restored.

The houses are two and a half stories in height, 12' wide, and occupy lots 64 1/2' deep. Each house is two rooms deep. 900 Harden Ct. has no rear addition; 902 Harden Ct. has a modern two story high, two bay deep rear addition. The houses are constructed in running bond. The low-pitched gable roof has a simple, two-tier brick cornice extending continuously across both facades. 900 Harden Ct. has a single hooded chimney located along the north side of both the front and rear gables; 902 Harden Ct. has similar chimneys located along the south side of its front and rear gables. A flat-roofed alleyway runs between the two houses.

The first and second floor door and window openings of 900 Harden Ct. have segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums. The attic story windows have flat wood lintels. All of the sills are composed of a row of brickheaders. The first floor window is filled with 1/1 double hung sash; the seconfloor windows with 2/2 double hung sash; and the attic windows with 3/3 double hung sash. At 902 Harden Ct. the first and second floor windows have common arch lintels and brick header sills. The attic windows have flat wood lintels and header sills. The first and second floor windows are filled with new 6/6 sash and the attic windows with new 3/3 sash. At 900 Harden Ct. there is a Victorian four panel door set beneath a single light transom; at 902 Harden Ct. a modern six panel door is set beneath a single light transom area filled with a piece of stained glass. The houses sit on high basements, the entrances being reached by four marble steps each. Each house has a rectangular coal opening located beneath the first floor window.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 27-29 Henrietta St.

These houses are of particular interest as being the homes of black families after the Civil War. Nearby res**idents** on Wheeling St. remember that the "alley houses" along Harden Ct. were always occupied by black families, although no other houses in the area were. Early city Directories bear out this fact. In 1876 a Theo. Henry, a lack laborer, lived at 902 Harden Ct., and an Abraham Harris, a black carpenter, lived at 904 Harden Ct. These residents owned their houses outright, having purchased them from the Harden family in 1875.

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1876

²Baltimore City Land Records, Liber GR 711, Folio 163

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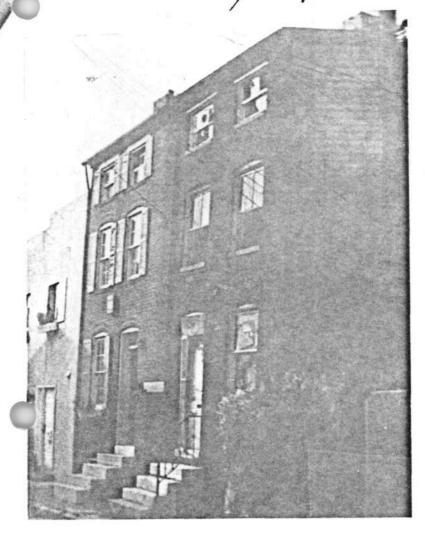
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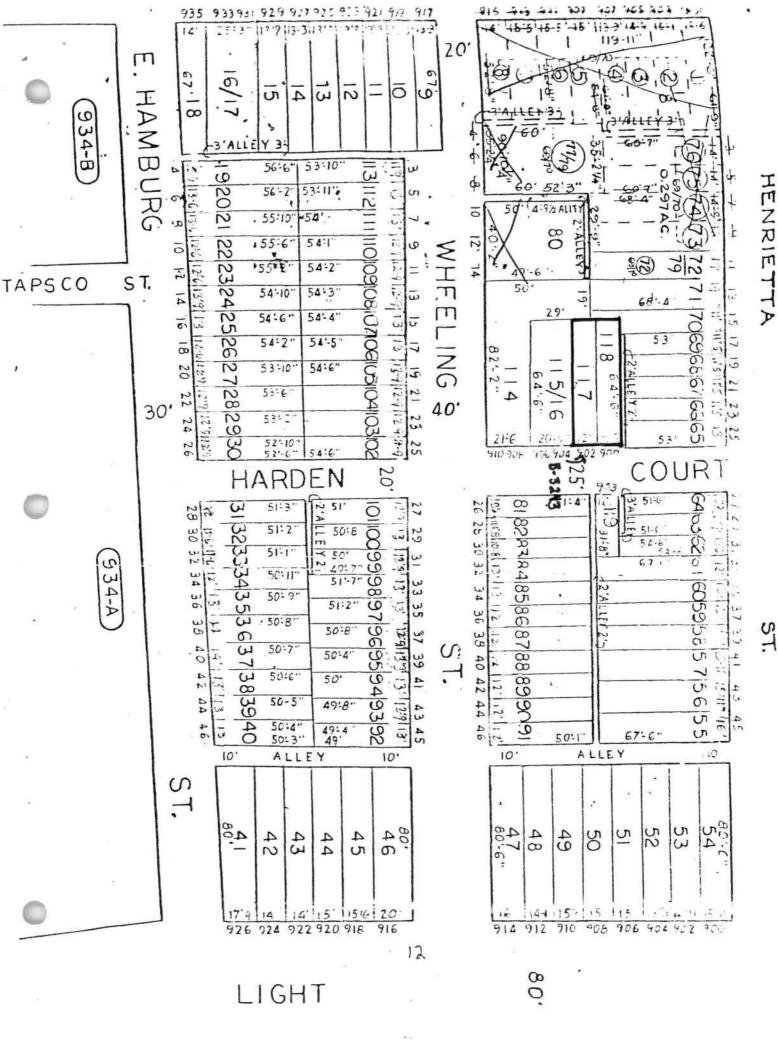
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Picture # 1 Front exterior view

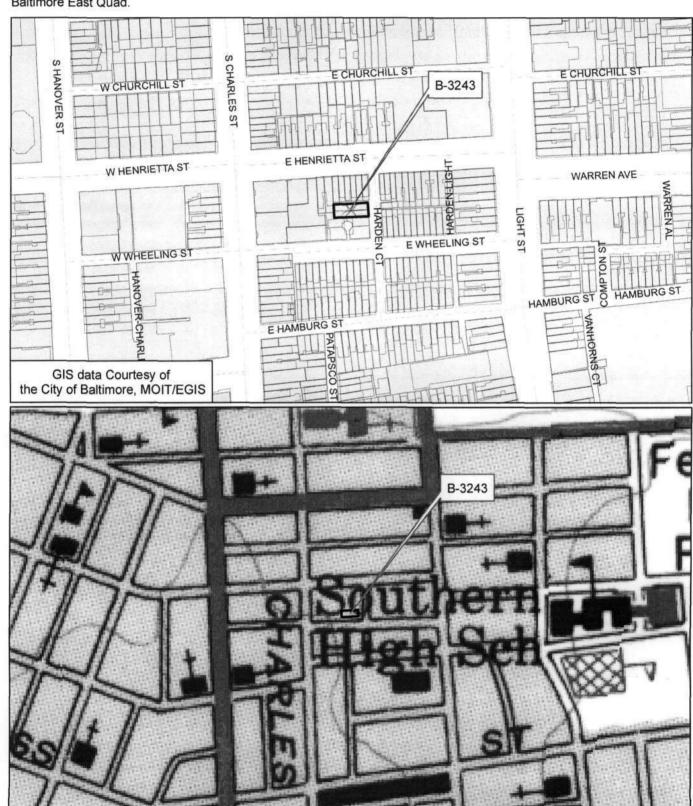


Picture #2 Street view



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East elevation